

SAMHSA grant will create critical program for Bexar County young mothers with substance abuse issues

(San Antonio, TX) - Tomorrow, Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) will announce a \$2.5 million grant for the Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) with Dr. Robert Jimenez and other distinguished speakers at the CHCS Headquarters. The \$2.5 million Federal grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will establish a critical program, Project Cariño, for young mothers in Bexar County with substance abuse issues.

"As a former social worker, I know first-hand how critical health care support is for our most vulnerable children and their families," said Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez. "This major Federal grant for CHCS will allow Project Cariño to address this crucial need and give critical services to mothers in need."

DATE/TIME: Tomorrow! Friday, October 26 at 10am

LOCATION: The Center for Health Care Services Headquarters
3031 IH 10 West
2nd Floor Board Room

WHO: Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23)
Dr. Robert L. Jimenez, Chairman, CHCS Board of Trustees
Dr. Henry Chen, Baptist Health System, Ob/Gyn
Judge Herr, Bexar County Family Drug Treatment Court
Mr. Moses Esquivel, Substance Abuse Program Director, CHCS
Ms. Abby Chavarrilla, Board Member, Mujeres Unidas contra el SIDA (Women for the Prevention of AIDS/HIV)
Ms. Pat Keebaugh, Child Protective Services
Ms. Wendy Ewing, LVN, Coordinator, "Mommy and Me" Group
Women consumers participating in program

WHAT: Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez will announce the award to the CHCS of a \$2.5 million grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The much needed program, Project Cariño, in Bexar County will help to serve women ages (18-35) who are pregnant or parenting and are addicted to heroin. CHCS will work closely with the Bexar County Family Drug Treatment Court, Child Protective Services and other support education service providers on HIV/AIDS and transitional housing providers.

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